

SITUATION REPORT NO. 71

INCIDENT NO. 97-015

DATE: November 20, 1997 TIME: 4:30 p.m.

TO: Governor Edward T. Schafer
State Capitol
Bismarck, ND 58505

1. NATURE OF DISASTER: Spring flood statewide.
2. DEATHS AND INJURIES: No change from previous reports.
3. DAMAGES: The level of Devils Lake at Creel Bay is 1,442.55 feet MSL on November 20.

4. RESOURCES:

LOCAL: No change from previous reports.

STATE: No change from previous reports.

FEDERAL: No change from previous reports.

5. VOLUNTEER ACTION: No changes from previous reports.
6. MAJOR ACTIONS: The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is developing Damage Survey Reports to support the demolition of flood damaged homes in the Fargo area. In Grand Forks, approximately 100 damaged homes will be torn down in late December or early January.

In response to the disaster, FEMA provided 311 manufactured homes and 510 travel trailers into Grand Forks to address housing needs following the catastrophic flooding. Presently, use of the travel trailers has been discontinued. There are 224 manufactured homes occupied. The travel trailers have been turned over to the state for future emergency/disaster needs.

To date, 24,475 awards have been approved for nearly \$53.4 million in Disaster Housing assistance provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

The Individual and Family Grant Program (IFGP), administered by the North Dakota Emergency Management, has approved more than \$13.8 million in grants to individuals for flood losses. The average IFGP grant is \$1,324. The staff has closed 2,946 cases, which continues to represent 99 percent of the cases. Cases remaining open total 246 compared to 107 reported on November 6. The larger amount of open cases reported today represents cases that were transmitted to the state during a cleanup activity at the National Processing Center in Denton, Texas. The majority of the newly transmitted cases are for moving and storage and/or medical expenses.

As of November 19, the Public Assistance staff has received 3,920 Damage Survey Reports (DSRs) and has obligated funds for 3,417 DSRs. Survey work has been completed for 373 applicants for the 1997 flood. Nearly \$115.3 million in infrastructure repairs, emergency work and debris removal has been determined to be eligible in the declared counties.

The Small Business Administration (SBA) has approved to date more than \$177 million in low-interest loans for businesses and individuals. The SBA has received 11,642 loan applications, 6,874 of which have been approved. Of the loans, 55 percent were to home owners and renters for real estate and personal property losses, and 45 percent were to business owners for repairs to businesses and for lost income.

7. ASSISTANCE NEEDED: No change from previous reports.
8. OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE: No change from previous reports.
9. OTHER: Other web site addresses for flood recovery information include:

N.D. Division of Emergency Management: <http://www.state.nd.us/dem>
N.D. League of Cities: <http://www.ndlc.org>
N.D. State Water Commission: <http://water.swc.state.nd.us>
N.D. Attorney General Office: <http://www.state.nd.us/ndag>
N.D. Department of Agriculture: <http://www.state.nd.us/agr/>
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers: <http://www.ncs-wc.usace.army.mil>
U.S. Geological Survey: <http://srv1dndbmk.cr.usgs.gov/public/index.html>

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